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A. Russian Troop Movements, OFFICIALS ONLY

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2. The following movements

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- a) During the month of April 1950 Russian garrisons of Western Hungary were transferred to the Hajmasker firing range, returning in July.
- b) Other units proceeded to the same firing range in July and departed again the following month.
- c) Russian troops [redacted] at Hajmasker returned to Szekesfehervar in July 1950.
- d) Hungarian artillery units were observed in movement in the area between the Danube and the Tibiscus and near Orkeny. It is also known that Hungarian army maneuvers took place in that area in which, it is supposed, Russian units also participated.

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3. [redacted] new tank equipment has been assigned to Russian units, and that Russian effectives have been slightly increased.

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4. [redacted] Russian units stationed in Austria have also taken part in Russian troop movements observed in Hungary.

B. Budapest.

- 5. Russian troops are quartered in a building, recently transformed into a barracks, in Lovoldeter Square. Their uniform epaulets are of a yellow green color.
- 6. In the former prisons of the Conti Utca there is stationed an AVO unit whose uniform caps have a blue stripe. The same uniform

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is worn by AVO troops stationed in the building in the Jozsef utca which formerly housed the town major's office.

7. AVO Central Headquarters are located at #60-68 Andrassy ut. On the roofs of this block of buildings are four pole-type radio antennas and one short-wave antenna. On the roof of the Ministry of Communications, located just across the street, there is an old type short-wave antenna. A modern horizontal system antenna has been installed on the roof of the new Ministry of Defense. A similar type of antenna is located on the roof of the Foreign Ministry at the corner of Monus Illes utca and Ganz utca.
8. A new barracks for Hungarian armored force troops has been built on the left side of the Takatovaros-Almasfuzito railway line, about one kilometer from the Takatovaros station. A small detachment was shipped from this barracks, reportedly to Zalaegerszeg towards the end of July 1950; the entire convoy consisted of three freight cars.

C. Szombathely.

9. On 7 July the greater part of the Russian garrison at Szombathely left for an unknown destination.
10. No Russian troops have been observed in the ex-carabinier barracks since 10 July 1950.
11. The "Millenary" Park is almost entirely unoccupied. No Russian tanks are stationed there, and only about 30 motor trucks are undergoing repair at the workshop.
12. As of 10 July 1950, however, in a shed located on the Sports' Field there were approximately 60 T-34 tanks. Tanks were resting on special wooden platforms and covered with tarpaulins. Guards are housed in the Sports' Field dressing rooms.
13. The former AA artillery barracks was unoccupied and no materiel was stored in its courtyards.
14. Only 200 Russian troops were housed in the Huszar utca barracks.
15. The Tokoly Imre utca barracks housed only a few Hungarian soldiers.
16. The former railroad warehouses located at the end of the Septei ut near the Gardonyi Geza ut have been transformed into military warehouses for the Hungarian army.
17. In late August Russian units returned to Szombathely, as well as to Kormend, in their previous strength.

D. Miskolc (Situation as of July 1950).

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18. Russian troops formerly stationed at Miskolc have left for an unknown destination.
19. In the large artillery barracks located near the Tisza railroad station there is a Hungarian horse-drawn artillery group.
20. An AVO battalion headquarters and an AVO training company are stationed in the ex-Ilona barracks near the Gomori railway station.
21. In the former Hussars barracks in the market square there are stationed an infantry battalion and regimental staff cadres, a cavalry company, and a communications detachment. Among equipment there a number of Russian "Katjuska" artillery pieces have been observed. Damaged during the war, the barracks is currently undergoing reconstruction which will be completed in the near future.
22. A motor-drawn artillery group and a tank detachment are located in artillery barracks #204 on the Sajoszentpeter highway. 8 heavy artillery pieces were observed in the barracks courtyard.
23. The ex-Rudolf barracks is unoccupied and is being reconstructed.
24. An unidentified brigade headquarters and draft headquarters #35 are located in the building which formerly housed army corps headquarters.
25. An AVO headquarters is located in the former Jewish school in Arpad Square. AVO detachments are still located at Ozd, Banreve, Szikszó, Szerencs, Satoraljaujhely, and at Diosgyor.

E. Kisnarda.

26. AVO frontier control posts were strengthened during the summer. The Kisnarda post has been increased to 80 men.

F. Szekesfehervar.

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G. Revfulop (see also Section K below).

28. No Russian units were observed in the area during the months of July and August 1950.
29. In spring of 1950 a Hungarian military detachment constructed a high observation tower, possibly for aircraft warning purposes. The observation post is currently occupied by five

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observers and a guard. A similar tower was constructed on top of Mt. Badacsony Hegy. These two posts come under the jurisdiction of a headquarters located at Nagyvaszony airport.

H. Badacsony.

30. On 25 July 1950 a railway convoy coming from the east and proceeding towards Tapolca was observed. Among equipment observed were 8 armored vehicles (probably light tanks or armored cars as this secondary railroad is not suited to handling heavy traffic), and a number of trucks. Three cars of Hungarian troops were attached to the convoy. They had come from Tatatovaros and were en route to Zalaegerszeg.

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I. Veszprem.

31. A Russian air force fuel dump is located in the Szekes-erdo forest near the town of Bakonygyepes (30 kms. west of Veszprem).

J. Gerce, Sotony.

32. In spring 1949 a detachment consisting of approximately 1000 Russian troops constructed unidentified military installations in the Farkas-erdo forest between the towns of Gerce and Sotony. Truckloads of reinforced concrete pillars about two meters long and 40-50 cms. in diameter were observed to arrive continuously in the forest where Russian troops were camped. During the three or four months that work was in progress, Russian engineers and technicians carried out a complete survey of the region. The entire forest zone was closed to civilian traffic. At the time it was rumored guided missile launching platforms were being constructed.

K. Oroshaza (East of the Tibiscus, NE of Segedin).

33. Up to 20 August 1950 no Russian units were present in the town, although some 15 Russian officers had been observed there in the preceding spring. The town's entire garrison consisted of only a small Hungarian artillery detachment and of the AVO frontier guard posts.

L. Pandorfalu.

34. About 200 meters south of the railroad station there is a Russian airport at which is stationed at least one group of light twin engine bombers.
35. On 13 July 1950 a railroad convoy was observed at the station. The convoy, consisting entirely of Russian air force troops, was en route from Austria towards Budapest. During its stop the convoy was carefully guarded by Russian troops (green epaulets, green stripe on sleeves) and passengers were not allowed to alight.

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